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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AMERICANS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. WE CONTACTED FRENCH EMBASSY (PITTALUGA) OCTOBER 16 TO SEE WHETHER IT HAD HEARD ANYTHING OUT OF SAIGON ABOUT THE FAILURE OF ANY AMERICANS TO DEPART THAT CITY SINCE OCTOBER 8. THERE WAS NO NEWS; PITTALUGA KNEW OF NO INSTANCES WHERE AMERICANS ARE EVEN BEING MANIFESTED AND THEN SCRATCHED. FRENCH FLIGHTS CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITH LARGE NUMBER OF EMPTY SEATS, AS MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS ARE SCRATCHED IN SAIGON. DESPITE SOME RUMORS OF AN OCTOBER 31 CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE FLIGHTS, HE SAID THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO INDICATION THAT THE PRG HAS ANY INTENTION OF HALTING THE OPERATION.

2. ALAN DAWSON OF UPI RECEIVED WORD FROM MIKE MIELKE IN SAIGON SAME DAY THAT ALL KNOWN AMERICANS THERE, WITH EXCEPTION OF MIELKES AND FRANCES STARNER, HAVE NOW APPLIED FOR EXIT VISAS. HE INDICATED THAT AUTHORITIES INFORMED AMCIT LORENZO DOW JUDSON THAT HE COULD EXPECT NO SPECIAL PRIORITY IN
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DEPARTING JUST BECAUSE OF HIS URGENT NEED FOR AN EYE

OPERATION. MOOD OF SAIGON AMERICANS IS APPARENTLY ONE OF RESIGNATION TO A LONG STAY, MIELKE REPORTED, AND A NUMBER OF THEM ARE VOLUNTARILY REGROUPING THERE, SOME GOING TO LIVE IN AN OLD HOTEL AT 23 GIA LONG.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO VISITING ICRC REP FROM GENEVA, PERES (HERE TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT ICRC OFFICE IN BANGKOK, AMONG OTHER REASONS), FOR HIS ORGANIZATION'S MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF MANY OF THE SAIGON AMERICANS. PERES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ICRC OFFICE IN SAIGON IS UNDER INCREASING RESTRICTIONS AND EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT ICRC PEOPLE THERE WOULD BE FORCED TO LEAVE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IS THAT, IN PAST FEW DAYS, PRC HAS SUDDENLY PERMITTED ICRC OFFICE IN SAIGON TO TELEX BANGKOK WITH QUERIES ABOUT WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING VIETNAMESE FAMILY MEMBERS. AT SAME TIME IT HAS BEGUN ALLOWING RED CROSS OFFICES IN THE TWO CITIES TO SEND MAIL BACK AND FORTH, WITHOUT CENSORSHIP, VIA FRENCH FLIGHTS. PERES THINKS IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER ACTIONS OF PAST FEW DAYS HAVE ANY REAL MEANING, BUT HE IS BASICALLY PESSIMISTIC.

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